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Classified By: Ambassador Richard L. Baltimore III.
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Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on May 18 to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

12. (SBU) On May 18, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the core EAC to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Upcoming Events

13. (SBU) In conjunction with a review of upcoming community events, DAO briefed the EAC on preparations for the arrival of the USS Camden, scheduled to dock at Port Sultan Qaboos from May 19-21 (reftel B). Force protection and security for the ship visit is being coordinated directly with the Royal Oman Police (Coast Guard) by DAO and NCIS personnel.

Sustained Vigilance

14. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that, despite the relative calm, members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile and remaining unpredictable. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

15. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on May 14 (reftel A). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. ABM, P/E, MGT, RSO, RMAS, PAO, CONS, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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